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INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: INFORMATION ON SOUTH AFRICAN

MILITARY PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA

1. AMB MCHENRY MET TWICE WITH AUSTRIAN MAJOR GENERAL PHILIPP (WALDHEIM'S CHOICE TO HEAD THE MILITARY SECTION OF UNTAG) PRIOR TO PHILIPP'S AUGUST 5 DEPARTURE WITH THE UN SURVEY MISSION TO NAMIBIA. DURING THOSE CONVERSATIONS, THE UN'S CONTINUING LACK OF INFORMATION ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA BECAME ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE UN SURVEY MISSION IS TO OBTAIN JUST SUCH INFORMATION; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE THE UNITED NATIONS WILL BE HELPFUL AND PERHAPS CRUCIALLY SO.

2. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EMBASSY PRETORIA, COULD ASSEMBLE WHAT-EVER INFORMATION WE HAVE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED DISCREETLY TO THE UNITED NATIONS. (OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE: INFORMATION ON THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS; DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ON THE BASES;
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THE SADF'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENT; AND INFORMATION ON THE CITIZEN FORCES, COMMANDOS, ETHNIC FORCES, AND HOME GUARD. COL CREWS (DAO PRETORIA) MIGHT DRAW UPON AND UPDATE THE DETAILED INFORMATION PREPARED FOR THE CONTACT GROUP OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.) WE WOULD HOPE TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO GEN. PHILLIP ON HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK (POSSIBLY AS

EARLY AS AUGUST 19). YOUNG

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